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Attention: Mr. Michael Woodward, Supervisor

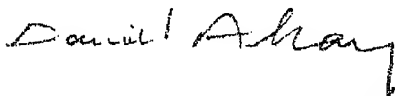
Dear Mr. Woodward:

This is a follow-up note of my November 5 fax. I would like to clarify the reason why I am asking to meet with an examiner prior to submitting my response to the first Office Action. When filing the patent application, I requested, as a *pro se* applicant, the assistance of the Patent Office in drafting one claim under MPEP 707.07(j). This has not occurred as yet, and apparently cannot take place after the response to the Office Action.

My draft response to the Office Action (a copy enclosed), consists of reformulation of the basic claim, restricting it to neuroscience, and filing during the examination period divisional applications for the molecular biology aspects of the severed matter. I believe a face-to-face meeting is the best way for me to answer any question that the examiner may have, and to receive his or her comments.

Mr. Andrew Kenedy, the initially assigned Examiner, is apparently unavailable. I seek your help in having this matter assigned to an available examiner, and in scheduling a meeting. I will telephone your office at about 3 pm this afternoon. In the event that I do not reach you, then I would very much appreciate receiving a notification of a proposed meeting date. My e-mail is Philon@verizon.net.

Respectfully,



Enclosure: A copy of the draft of the Preliminary Amendment

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